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FORMER GLENDALE RESIDENT CHARGED WITH TAX VIOLATIONS FOR PROCEEDS FROM ALLEGED PROSTITUTION BUSINESS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- José de Jesus Rivera, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced today that a federal grand jury in Phoenix, Arizona, returned an indictment against **LOIS E. BRAL**, who allegedly ran a prostitution business out of Glendale, Arizona. The federal indictment charges **BRAL** with four counts of attempted tax evasion for the years from 1993 through 1996. The indictment alleges that the defendant failed to file tax returns, had a business that dealt almost exclusively in cash, destroyed business records, and lied to an IRS auditor. The indictment further alleges that as a result of the alleged prostitution business, **BRAL** failed to report approximately \$175,000 in taxable income and failed to pay approximately \$70,000 in income taxes to the IRS.

The maximum sentence for attempted tax evasion is \$250,000 in fines and five years imprisonment.

Mr. Rivera stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

The investigation was conducted by special agents from the Internal Revenue Service. The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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